

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

Rejection of Claims 11-15 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Halliyal et al. (US 6,319,775) and in view of Walker et al. (US 5,371,027). Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (US 2003/0232507) in view of Walker et al. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Halliyal et al., in view of Walker et al., and further in view of Naguib et al. (US 4,683,645).

In response to these rejections, Applicants have amended claim 11 to include the limitation of claim 16 and canceled claims 13-16 without raising any new issue. These amendments are made to cancel the rejected claims and rewrite claim 11 to include the allowable subject matter complying with the requirement of form expressly set forth in the previous Office action according to MPEP 714.12. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

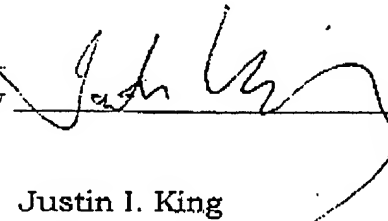
In light of the above remarks to the claims, Applicant contends that Claims 11 and 12 are patentable thereover. The claims are in condition for favorable consideration and Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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